

FEDERAL ORDER

Domestic Quarantine of additional areas of Maine For Pine Shoot Beetle (PSB) (*Tomicus piniperda*)

This Federal Order is issued under the regulatory authority provided by the Plant Protection Act of June 20, 2000, as amended, Section 412 (a), 7U.S.C. 7712 (a), which authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to prohibit or restrict the movement in interstate commerce of any plant, plant part, or article if the Secretary determines the prohibition or restriction is necessary to prevent the dissemination of a plant pest within the United States.

This Federal Order quarantines, effective immediately, the following counties of Maine: Androscoggin, Cumberland, Hancock, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Sagadahoc, Somerset, Waldo and York. This action is in response to notification received from the State of Maine that these areas have been added to the state's intra-state quarantine for PSB, effective December 17, 2006. This notification was reported to USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine, January 17, 2007.

The 7CFR 301.50-3(b) provides for temporary designation of new quarantine areas pending publication of a rule to add counties to the list shown in 7CFR 301.50-3(c). The 7CFR 301.50-3(b) further requires written notification be given to the owners of property and enterprises in a newly quarantined area, advising them of the quarantine and the necessity of complying with requirements for the movement of regulated articles. This is the responsibility of the Federal and/or State regulatory personnel responsible for the PSB program in the affected state.

Effectively immediately, interstate movement of PSB regulated articles from these counties must be done in accordance with the stipulations of 7CFR 301.50 which specifies treatments and conditions for the movement of such articles. The 7CFR 301.50-3(a) allows the quarantine of less than an entire state only when the State enforces an intra-state quarantine that matches Federal Pine Shoot Beetle regulations.

If you wish more details on the Federal Pine Shoot Beetle regulatory program, you may contact the Staff Officer Weyman Fussell at (301) 734-5705. For information on regulatory requirements for movement of articles out of Maine, please contact APHIS' State Plant Health Director Patsy Hartley at (207) 848-5199.

We continue to appreciate the cooperative relationship with the State of Maine in our mutual effort to prevent the spread of quarantine pests.